

HOUSING/MWR MISHAPS
(As of 11 June 99)

	DATE	LOCATION	MISHAP SUMMARY
1.	6/2/99	Little Creek	16 Year old male dependent electrocuted at NAB Little Creek housing. Ref: Msg 021730Z JUN from NAVPHIBASE. Apparently he was electrocuted in his front yard while attempting to run electrical current through a home-made device designed to "locate earthworms."
2.	5/13/99	Great Lakes	<p>Call received by Glakes fire department from PWC trouble desk. Great lakes police department (GLPD) arrived on scene at 1555 and proceeded to put fire out. Illinois state fire Inspector, along with GLPD fire inspector, indicated initial investigation shows fire started in an upstairs bathroom ventilation fan due to an electrical short. Extensive damage to roof and to bathroom areas of both units.</p> <p>Cause was a floating ground in the electrical circuit. 1950-60 vintage electrical wiring still in 27 units needs upgraded to meet the new NEC. 9 are occupied. GLakes awaiting funding approval to complete upgrades.</p>
3.	5/11/99	Norfolk	<p>Navy Housing occupant smelled gas in vicinity of mechanical room at approximately 0600. He entered and attempted to turn off main gas line. The main valve broke and gas rushed into the space. The valve was located within 10-12 inches of the gas fired water heater's burner access panel. Apparently the heater pilot flame ignited the escaping gas and continued to burn. Occupant sustained mild burns to his left arm and singed hair on his head, face, arms and legs. Paramedics administered first aid. A neighbor who had come over to help contain the fire, sustained burns to his face and was transported to the hospital.</p> <p>The close proximity of the gas main valve to the burner assembly seems to be standard in this housing area. 100 other units are scheduled for renovation beginning in 2-3 months. Instructions are being issued to tenants, contractors, PW personnel not to attempt to close/open these valves but if necessary to use the outside main gas valve.</p> <p>(Similar incident occurred approximately 2 years earlier. PWC employee performing maintenance was burned when the valve broke and initiated a fire)</p>

4.	5/2/99	MCB CAMP PENDLETON	A 3-year old female, her 4-year old brother and an 8-year old neighbor gained access to the garage through a vent hole in the rear wall. This garage space had been used as a play area on several occasions prior to the fire. The boys had been burning articles in a Christmas tree stand. The 3-year old girl and 4-year old boy climbed into the cabinet on the back wall. When the fire began to spread the 4-year old boy jumped from the cabinet. The girl was afraid to jump and remained in the cabinet. The boys crawled through the vent hole and ran. Firefighters extinguished fire but found the girl fatally injured inside cabinet.
5.	2/17/99	NAS Key West Housing	Housing inspector entered a unit closed for one and a half years; turned on water, electricity and pressed start button on dishwasher then walked upstairs. A minute or so later as dishwasher cycled it exploded, blowing itself out of kitchen cabinet enclosure across kitchen. Kitchen door splintered, cabinets damaged and ceiling lifted about 1/2 inch. Attic trap door blown out upstairs. No injury to inspector. (The make and model numbers are: White-Westinghouse Model # WDB212GBWD)
6.	2/1/99	MCAS Beaufort SC, Pine Grove Housing Complex	Family living in Capehart Housing was diagnosed by medical with symptoms of CO poisoning after they woke up with headaches. Within 2 weeks two additional families were also diagnosed with CO poisoning in same complex. The cause of the CO buildup was traced to a design change in the furnace room doors during a whole house renovation project started 1 year prior. The change replaced vented solid doors with louvered doors. This affected air flow in the furnace closet, thus allowing exhaust furnace gases to enter the residence instead of going out the flu.
7.	1/24/99	Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, CA	Marine GYSGT found dead in garage of on base housing from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Vehicle engine running in closed garage caused CO buildup. Investigation ruled death accidental. Personnel Casualty Report 260650Z Jan 99, from CO MCLB Barstow CA
8.	12/25/98	NAS Kingsville Texas Housing	Three people (1 male, 1 female adults, 1 infant <12 months old) evacuated from Family Housing unit and treated for exposure to Carbon Monoxide after alerted to unsafe levels of CO in home by recently installed CO detector. Investigation found inadequate air supply to gas heater because no vents in gas furnace room door as required by International Mechanical Code. Vents installed, all other units checked to ensure no similar problems exist.
9.	12/17/98	Gulfport Housing	Woman w/3 children called neighbor to complain of headaches. Tests indicated blood level of .04% CO (smokers typically have 5-9%). House inspected by Base & Pensacola Environmental with no problems identified. Neighbor & children complained of flu like symptoms week before & went to hospital. PM had been done 2 weeks prior. No problems with appliances found.

10.	10/25/98	NAS Meridian Family Housing	Carbon monoxide poisoning family; 5 fatalities; father age 34, and 4 children ages, 13, 9, and 4 year old twins. Wife hospitalized.
11.	4/98	NAS Whidbey Island Housing	Asbestos exposed in wall when contractor cut opening for new window while husband, wife and two children were occupying house. All family possessions disposed of as asbestos contaminated waste in a landfill.
12.	3/98	NAS Barbars Point Housing, Pearl Harbor	3 fires resulting from defective water heaters. Piping leaked saturating mineral wool insulation causing electrical fires.
13.	5/21/97	Ribault Bay Village Housing Project, NAS Mayport, FL	2-year-old boy ran over by truck operated by contractor.
14.	5/5/97	NAS LeMoore, CA	A contractor vehicle struck an 8 year-old dependent child at the intersection of Franklin and Mariner Circle. Injuries included a broken collar bone, and multiple scrapes, bruises, and burns due to the impact with the vehicle and subsequent sliding on the road. The child required plastic surgery to lessen the effects of the injuries.
15.	4/30/97	NAS LeMoore, CA	Fire consumed unit #95 (triplex) at the J-320 Housing Construction Project. Minor damage to two other units.
16.	2/7/97	NAWS China Lake, CA	12 housing units grossly contaminated (inside & surrounding areas) w/asbestos during rehab by contractor. ACM tossed in dumpster, washed down storm-drain.
17.	11/96	US Naval Base Yokosuka, Japan	3-Year-old child fell off 9 th floor balcony. Baby-sitter fell asleep. Child woke up, got out onto balcony, climbed onto a weight lifting bench and fell to her death.
18.	8/8/96	Willoughby Family Housing, Norfolk, VA	Fire in kitchen area attributed to malfunctioning stove. No injuries and damage limited to stove.
19.	6/30/96	NAVORDCENPACDIV DET Port Hadlock, WA	Playground in back yard of housing collapsed killing child. Wooden timbers of playground equipment rotted at ground level. Unit collapsed while child was swinging on rings; she suffered serious head injuries. Equipment was not government installed.
20.	5/23/96	Camp Allen, Navy Family Housing, Norfolk, VA	Fire in air-conditioning fan closet, apparently started by air-conditioning blower motor.
21.	5/18/96	Iroquois Point Navy Family Housing Pearl Harbor, HI	House fire of unknown origin. Quarters were vacant at the time with residents on vacation.
22.	4/5/96	Norfolk Naval Base BOQ, Norfolk, VA	Electrical fire in one room caused by faulty lighting fixture.
23.	3/22/96	Little Creek Hewitt Farm Housing Area, Norfolk, VA	6-year old boy hit by car. Child suffered lacerations to right foot.
24.	3/18/98	PWC Norfolk, VA	Female occupant overcome by fumes from material being used by contractor reglazing bathtub.
25.	3/96	Anacapa Housing, Point Magu, CA (Tomahawk Dr)	NFESC conducted CO sampling. 25/100 heating units exhausting over 1000 ppm of CO. 50 % were above 50ppm. Proper operating heating units exhaust 7-10ppm with max of 50ppm. After adjustment, levels reduced to 11ppm. Maintenance checklist did not reflect proper procedures for Lennox pulse heaters.
26.	2/29/96	Woodbridge Housing, Wash DC	2-year-old child fell out of bedroom window 12 ft. to ground suffering fractured left tibia.

27.	4/18/95	Woodbridge Housing, Wash DC	2 1/2-year-old child fell out of upper room window; fell from 4 th floor window but was not injured.
28.	1/6/95	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard – Transient Family Accommodations	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning of family. All members treated and released.
29.	11/3/94	Woodbridge Housing, Wash DC	Children fell out of upper room window; 2 sisters ages 2 & 4 fell from a 4 th floor window and suffered broken bones and internal injuries.
30.	8/12/94	NAWC Point Magu, CA Housing Area	A maintenance truck driven by off duty sailor working for maintenance contractor struck child-riding tricycle.
31.	4/29/94	Barbers Point Housing Area Honolulu, HI	3 children playing in tree while raining. Apparently they were close to overhead power line which arced. All 3 were knocked out of tree. 2 minor injuries, 1 serious with entrance/exit wounds.
32.	5/5/92	Unknown	2-year-old child shocked by a pad mounted transformer in family housing area.
33.	7/12/91	Pensacola Housing Area	Cave-in at Navy Housing area trapped 2 brothers. 1 boy who was completely buried died while the other was rescued. The area was later found to be honeycombed with similar tunnels dug by children from housing.
34.	1989	Pensacola Housing Area	Child died when wall collapsed. Tenant had connected clothesline between unit and wall. No rebar had been installed in the wall for support.